



APDA Southwest Wire

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Future APDA Meetings

Nevada Power Hosts Fall 2008 – Las Vegas, October 5 - 10

Spring 2009 – San Francisco Bay Area

California ISO Hosts Fall 2009 – Lake Tahoe

Spring 2010 – San Diego

APDA Dues

APDA membership dues are \$21/year

APDA Scholarship

Applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2008

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PNM Hosts Fall 2007 Meeting in Albuquerque

Public Service New Mexico hosted the Fall 2007 meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 8 – 11 at the Embassy Suites. Cindi Carrillo, SW Area Treasurer, coordinated the event that provided 12 NERC CE hours. Training was provided by Applied Professional Training and SOS International.

Cindi organized several excellent activities for attendees. On Wednesday, we took an evening tram ride to the top of Sandia Peak for dinner. Early Thursday morning, we boarded a bus to the Balloon Fiesta Park to watch the Special Shapes Rodeo. Later on Thursday, some members played golf and others visited the Historic Old Town.

The SW Business meeting was held on October 10th. Sandy DeWees, Area Secretary, read the minutes. The reports of the President and Trustee are included later in this Newsletter. Michele Wynne, Area Vice President, thanked our hosts PNM and sponsors PNM Reliability, Los Alamos, TESLA and Powerdex. The Spring 2008 meeting will be in March at a city in California to be named later. The Fall 2008 meeting is hosted by Nevada Power in Las Vegas, October 5 – 10, 2008.

Cindi Carrillo, Area Treasurer, reported on account balances as of October 1, 2007.

Promotional Fund	\$1,130.72
Scholarship Fund	\$7,428.39
General Fund	\$16,695.52
Total	\$25,254.63

New officers will be elected at the next meeting. Officers are elected for a three year term. Interested members should contact Jesus Martinez.

We would like to thank our sponsors PNM Reliability, Los Alamos County, TESLA and Powerdex.

Spring 2008 Meeting in Long Beach

The Fall 2008 APDA meeting will be held in Long Beach, California on March 11 – 14, 2008. A golf tournament at Trump National Los Angeles, and a trip to Catalina Island are the pre-meeting activities scheduled for March 11. After the Thursday meeting, participants are

invited to take a tour of the Queen Mary.

The meeting will focus again on training. Applied Professional Training, will host Marcel Martin from the Midwest ISO for 12 CE hours focused on his custom power system operations simulations. SOS International will review the Burbank Water & Power BWP Outage & Black Start Case Study - Sept 12, 2005 and provide an additional 2 CE hours.

Thanks to our sponsors:



Southwest Scholarship Fund

The 2007 Southwest winner is Robert Bivens, Jr., the son of Robert L. Bivens from the Southwest Transmission Cooperative in Benson, Arizona. Second place went to Bently Follini the daughter of Robert G. Follini Jr. from Tucson Electric Power in Tucson, Arizona.

The 2008 scholarship application is now on the website. Mark MacKenzie of the City of Burbank, is the Scholarship Chair. Mark reminds everyone that the scholarship application deadline is "no later than April 15, 2007 (Postmark Date: April 10, 2007)". Those eligible to apply for this scholarship must be a graduating senior; incoming freshman student at a university, or college who are children or grandchildren of persons who are:

- A. Regular, Associate or Life members of the American Power Dispatchers Association, Inc. who have been members in good standing for the preceding two years or;
- B. A Deceased member of the American Power Dispatchers Association, Inc. who was a member in good standing at the time of death.

The application is available on the Southwest website. Mark and Webmaster Terry Sasser have revised the process to allow applicants to complete the form on the Internet.

Report of the President

Over the last three years since this set of officers have been in office we have had some sponsors that have really helped our cause here in the Southwest. One of which is TESLA who attends and sponsors all of the meetings. If you have not had a chance to meet Shannon she will be around at the events. Take the time to thank her for their support. They not only support the Southwest Area but they support all the Areas in APDA. Also I would like to thank APT and SOS for training. These are three of the companies that have supported the training. I also want to thank Shell Trading who has sponsored our golf tournaments.

There are two separate APDA scholarships, one from the Southwest Area and one from the National. If you have a high school senior who is planning on going to college next year I encourage you to apply for both of these scholarships. They are two separate scholarships so you will need to apply for each individually. The National application is due April 1st and the Southwest is due April 10th.

SW Area membership. Last year we had 418 members and this year we have 376. If you are a contact person please try to get the dues submitted early so they can be accurately accounted.

The reason we are doing these meetings and able to keep APDA afloat is because of CEH's that we are offering. Please take back to your companies some of the good things you are receiving with training and networking.

Sincerely,

Jesus Martinez
Southwest Area APDA President

Southwest Area Trustee Report

The National membership is 1474 members.

The National Board of Trustees moved the National Scholarship due date to April 1st so that the award can be given at the student's award ceremony. The National would encourage each area to do so if they haven't already. The NW changed theirs at their area meeting.

The National Treasurer needs accurate and timely data from each area treasurer to ensure that we file our IRS forms on time.

APDA is a member of EPCE an online energy education source. APDA members get a discount on EPCE sponsored classes. Their web address is <http://www.epceonline.org>. If people are interested in getting further education, this is a place to look.

Several updates to the National website were announced. The APDA LOG will be posted online soon. The website will soon have a list of places to go to find colleges that offer energy education.

The balance in the National Treasury are as follows:

General Fund	\$46,026
Jesse (Red) Paschall Promotional Fund	\$8,903
Nick Nicholson Scholarship Fund	\$81,574
Total	\$135,533

Respectfully submitted,

Dar Wright
SWA Trustee
